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FOREIGN and DOMESTIC NEWS

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JEWISH DEPUTIES OBJECT TO POLISH SUNDAY CLOSING.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) Deputies Greenbaum and Farbstein have come out strongly before the Polish Parliament against the compulsory Sunday closing laws, which will force Jews to keep their shops closed and do no business on Sunday.

Deputy Greenbaum declared that the enforcement of the law would finally result in Poland not getting control over Minsk, Vilna, and Eastern Galicia. This statement aroused the wrath of the Polish anti-Semites, and many of the papers retaliated with attacks upon Greenbaum and the Jews generally. These papers are now advising the Jews to leave the country.

The Sunday closing laws were characterized by Deputy Farbstein as the worst thing anti-Semites had ever done against the Jews, since it meant either that the Jews must lose out in their business or they must sell their souls.

POLISH MINISTER ADVOCATES BOYCOTT AGAINST JEWS.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) A boycott against the Jews, and the entire concentration of trade in the hands of the Poles themselves, were urged by the Polish Finance Minister in an address before an anti-Semitic meeting.

POLES TORTURE VILNA JEWS AND DESECRATE JEWISH GRAVES.

Warsaw (By I. J. P. B.)

After being arrested on the pretext that their passports must be examined for irregularities, sixty Vilna Jews, one of them an old man of 75 years, and another a boy of 13, were taken to the barracks, stripped and mercilessly tortured by Polish soldiers.

A Jewish delegation, consisting of Doctors Shabad and Wigodski and Rabbi Rubenstein, had gone the previous Saturday to the military commandant to enter a protest at the outrages which were being perpetrated against the Jews, but they had been refused an audience.

Jewish members of the Vilna Town Council brought the matter before the Council, which after a closed session,

decided to send a delegation test to the higher military commandant. Shabad and Wigodski declined to be members of this delegation.

The "Yiddische Zeitung" of Vilna reports that Polish soldiers broke down the fence and the tombstone at the grave of the "Vilna Gaon," and also desecrated many of the other graves in the Vilna Jewish cemetery, among them that of Rabbi Samuel Landau.

JEWISH RELIEF WORKER ARRESTED AS BOLSHEVIST.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) Mr. Tausner, a prominent Zionist of this city, was recently arrested in Pinsk, where he was superintending the distribution of American relief monies. The Poles charged that Tausner was carrying on Bolshevik propaganda and gave as evidence the fact that he carried large amounts of American money on his person.

A number of Jewish Parliament deputies prevented Tausner's being brought before a court martial. They succeeded in proving the accused man innocent of the charges brought against him, and he was finally freed.

VIENNA JEWISH ORPHANS TO BE REARED IN HOLLAND.

Vienna: (By I. J. P. B.) Fourteen hundred children were taken from Vienna, Holland to be placed in various Jewish homes there where they will be reared and educated. The children were accompanied by Chief Rabbi Chyus and also by Mme. Anita Miller, who has been working indefatigably in behalf of the children of the Jewish refugees in Vienna both during the war, and since its close.

BUKOWINIAN JEWISH NATIONAL COUNCIL TO BE DISSOLVED.

Bucharest: (By I. J. P. B.) Declaring that the Jews of Bukovina no longer need a National Council, since they are now represented in the Parliament of Roumania, that government has announced its decision to dissolve the Bukowinian Jewish National Council.

JEWISH SHIPPING COMPANY ORGANIZED IN LONDON.

London: (By I. J. P. B.) A Jewish company for the purpose of carrying

on a shipping line between England and Palestine has been formed in London. One hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling has already been raised for this purpose, and the company has acquired one ship so far. A question has been raised as to what flag the ships of the company are to carry.

JEWISH PUBLISHER ARRESTED.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) The well-known Jewish publisher, B. Kletzkin, of Vilna has been arrested on the charge that he is connected with the right wing of the Bund, and he is now confined in the Lukisher prison.

POLES LEVY CONTRIBUTION ON JEWISH COMMUNITY.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) As punishment for the Jewish Community of Podesheizer, which according to the story of an informer, had rejected at the decision of the Paris Conference limiting Poland to only a temporary jurisdiction over Eastern Galicia, the Polish authorities levied a contribution of 200,000 kronen from the community, and also took as hostage, several Jews, among them the Rabbi, Dr. Lilienfeld.

GERMAN JEWS FLEEING FROM POSEN.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) Since the Germans have evacuated Posen, over a thousand Jewish families have also left the city for various parts of Germany, but their places have been taken by other Polish and Russian Jews, so that the population of the Jewish sections has not materially changed.

EIGHT JEWS SUCCESSFUL IN ODESSA ELECTIONS.

Odessa: (By I. J. P. B.) In spite of the coalition of the Christians here in order to obstruct the election of Jewish candidates, nevertheless, a number of Jews were successful. Among the Jews elected were six Zionists and two Bundists.

Odessa anti-Semites recently organized themselves, and went so far as to begin agitation toward a pogrom, but in this attempt also, they were frustrated.

